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**Note:** Bio's of panel members attached.

## City Presenting Imagination Conversation, June 16

Santa Fe, NM – May 18, 2011 – The city of Santa Fe Arts Commission will present a free panel discussion about imagination and education on June 16th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Warehouse 21, 1614 Paseo de Peralta. The first half hour will be a reception with refreshments, then an hour and a half of discussion.

The panelists include people working in the arts, science, business, and education. They will discuss the various roles of imagination in their work, how innovative ideas emerge, and their strategies for encouraging their own creativity. They will consider ways in which students' imagination can be encouraged and developed in our schools. As J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books said in her 2008 Harvard Commencement address, "We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better." The Santa Fe area includes a rich diversity of traditions and approaches to the admittedly broad topic of "imagination," and we look forward to a lively exchange of ideas.

The panel members will be:

Eric Blinman  
 Director, New Mexico Office of Archaeological Studies

Denise Johnston  
 Associate Superintendent, Santa Fe Public Schools

John Kennedy  
 Composer, Artistic Director of Santa Fe New Music & Resident Conductor of the Spoleto Festival

Jennifer Kimball  
 Chairman of the Board, Corporación de La Fonda

Dolly Naranjo Neikrug  
 Artist & Principal, Santa Clara Day School

Laura Mayo Rodriguez  
 6th Grade Teacher, Nava Elementary School

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Moderator: Peter Chapin, Artist & Retired Art Department Chair, Drew University

The outcomes of the Santa Fe Conversation will be disseminated to Santa Fe educators in the form of a DVD and a written summary, in order to encourage much needed "imagination education" for students who will face the challenges of the 21st century. Distribution will be timed to provide inspiration to educators as they plan the 2011-12 school year.

This Conversation is part of the Lincoln Center Institute's Imagination Conversations. The two-year project, featuring conversations throughout the United States, will culminate in America's Imagination Summit to be held at Lincoln Center in New York City, July 21-22, 2011. Information can be found at <http://lciweb.lincolncenter.org/imaginationconversation/>.

The city of Santa Fe Arts Commission has been involved in funding arts education programming, advocating for integration of the arts in public education and delivering arts education to Santa Fe public school students for almost two decades. "We are very pleased to present this event in collaboration with the Lincoln Center Institute. We have a long relationship with them that has benefited Santa Fe students through ArtWorks, an education program founded by the Arts Commission in 2001, which uses an outstanding methodology developed by the Lincoln Center Institute. ArtWorks is now run by Partners in Education and continues to work with teachers, students and artists to inspire excellent education," said Sabrina Pratt, executive director of the Arts Commission.

For more information about Santa Fe's Imagination Conversation, please visit:  
[www.SantaFeArtsCommission.org](http://www.SantaFeArtsCommission.org).

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*The City of Santa Fe Arts Commission is an agency within the municipal government of the city of Santa Fe. The Arts Commission provides leadership for the city in supporting arts and cultural affairs. In this role, the Arts Commission recommends programs and policies that promote artistic excellence in the community. Through its work, the Arts Commission nurtures and supports Santa Fe's unique artistic and cultural heritage.*

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